

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this practice is to exclude livestock from areas where wildlife habitat is to be protected or enhanced.

B. PROGRAM POLICY

Apply this practice to protect permanent wildlife habitat including upland wildlife habitat, woodlands, wetlands, riparian areas, streams, and other water bodies.

C. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for cost share, this practice shall:

- Improve wildlife habitat benefits to an acceptable level.
- Prevent degradation of environmental benefits.
- Be maintained for the expected lifespan of the practice.
- Be included in the approved Wildlife Habitat Development Plan.
- Have livestock presently on the offered acres and be used to exclude livestock from WHIP contracted land.

D. COST-SHARE POLICY

Eligible practice components for this practice shall be determined needed by NRCS and specified in an approved Wildlife Habitat Development Plan (WHDP). This practice shall be cost shared at a rate to meet the minimal needs of the NRCS WHDP.

Eligible Components:

High Tensile Wire

Barbed Wire

Posts

Gates

Energizer

Labor

E. REQUIREMENTS

This practice shall meet or exceed the Tennessee NRCS FOTG standard for Fencing (code 382). Four strands of wire are the maximum cost shared.

F. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Consider other resource and environmental concerns (e.g. cultural, wetlands, etc.) as prescribed by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other applicable laws and regulations when establishing this practice. A TN-CPA 25 must be completed for each WHDP.

G. PRACTICE MAINTENANCE

The practice shall be maintained without additional federal cost share for the expected lifespan of the practice. Cost share shall be refunded if either of the following applies:

- The practice fails to provide the desired wildlife benefits during the life of the WHIP Contract, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the participant's control.
- The participant destroys the fencing during its lifespan.

H. TECHNICAL RESPONSIBILITY

NRCS shall have technical responsibility for this practice.

I. SPECIFICATIONS

This practice shall meet or exceed NRCS FOTG standard for fencing (code 382).